

3 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : OER Contribution to the JEC

1. You may recall that quite sometime ago we agreed that John Warner should check with the Director to see whether or not he would have any objection to our making contributions to a statistical compendium on the Soviet economy which will be issued under the auspices of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress. Apparently, Warner has had no luck at all either with the Director, the Deputy Director, or Red White. In the second of two encounters, Warner was advised by Red White that either you or I should brace him on the matter.

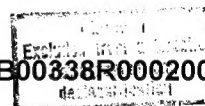
2. I am not quite sure where the Agency policy stands at the moment. Earlier we were told emphatically that we should seek Agency attribution on our contributions to the JEC. This was done successfully, you will recall, in the recent two-volume JEC study entitled "An Economic Profile of Mainland China" to which we contributed six separate pieces. If for some reason it is decided that there will be no attribution to the Agency for its contribution to the next JEC report, Leon Herman, who is handling this for the Committee, is perfectly willing to accept the contribution and to make no reference whatsoever to the Agency. For your background information I have attached my memorandum to John Warner (Tab A).

3. Our arguments for making these contributions to the JEC are as follows:

a. It contributes to good relations between the Congress and the Agency. We have received a number of favorable comments from the Committee which I have attached (Tab B).

b. When our contributions are attributed to the Agency, we have found that this creates a favorable impression on the university faculties whose students we are trying to recruit.

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c. The Agency has had favorable publicity in the press from these contributions. I am not aware of a single instance where the publicity has been unfavorable. (One sample attached--Tab C.)

d. We have provided a service to the Government and to the academic community by ensuring that the statistical series released by the Executive Branch of the Government and by the Congress are as comparable as possible.

e. It provides a body of respectable material which can be used in a number of US public information programs and which is picked up by the press within the United States and abroad and given wide dissemination.

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WILLIAM H. MORELL, JR.
Director
Economic Research

Attachments: (w/orig. only)

Tab A: Memo to Leg. Coun. from D/OER,
dated 16 Aug 67

Tab B: 4 letters of commendation re
OER contributions to JEC

Tab C: Press article, Baltimore Sun,
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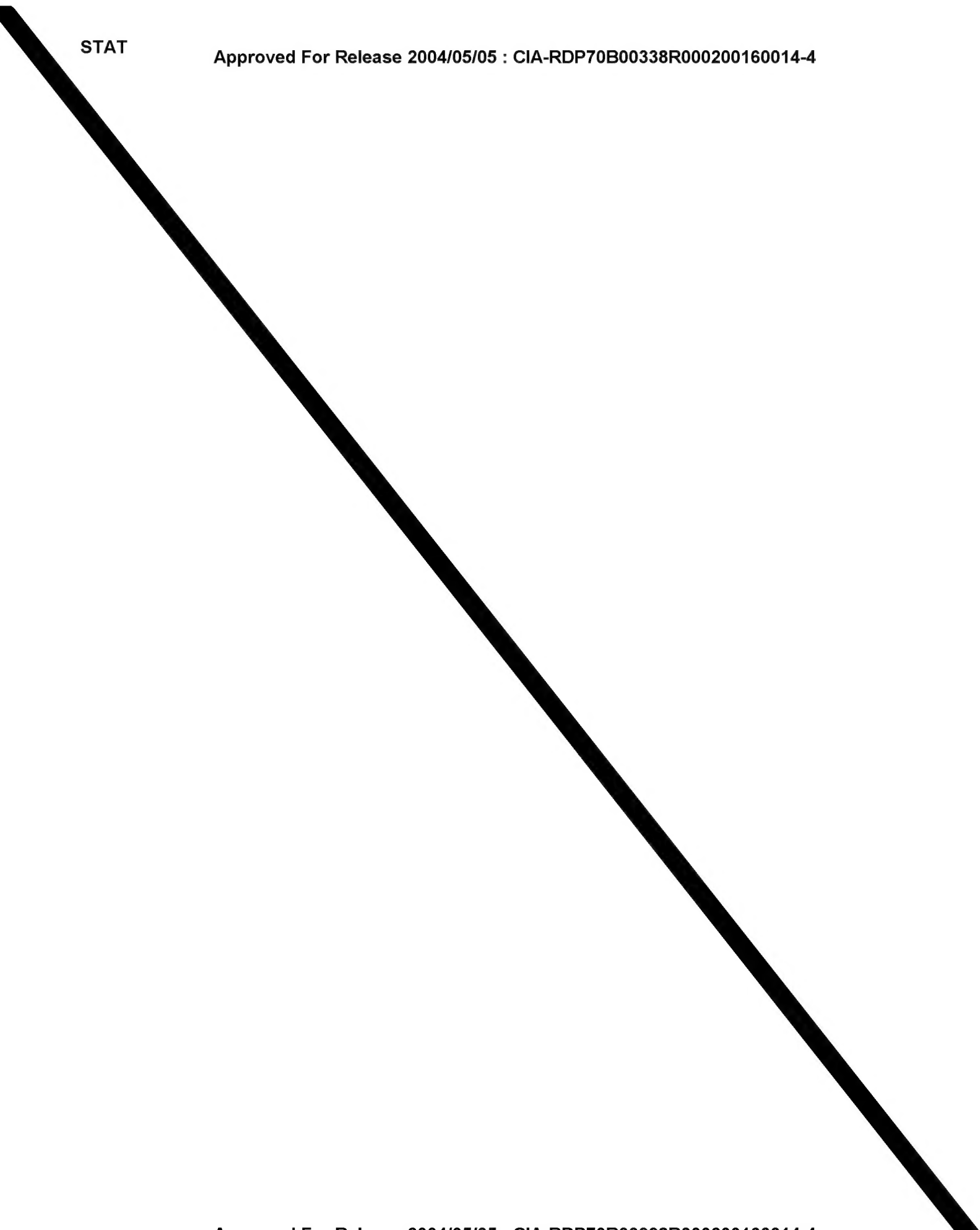
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